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April 29, 1946

My dear Mr. Anderson:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 18, 1946, addressed to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, relative to the establishment of a Subcommittee for Security Control.

We note that the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee is in effect reestablishing the functions formerly carried on by the Office of War Information, and I am inclined to agree that there are still some security matters affecting the several agencies of the government which require attention. We would question, however, whether or not the State-War-Navy Coordinating Committee, whose functions relate principally to the three agencies represented in its membership, should undertake an activity involving security matters of other agencies of the government. It would seem more appropriate that this security activity be undertaken by the National Intelligence Authority, which has been established by a directive of the President and which would have adequate authority for this security activity.

I note, too, that your memorandum of April 5, 1946, in paragraph 3.e. refers to Executive Order 9103 governing the clearance of statistical information. This Executive order was rescinded shortly after VJ-Day, an action in which the former OWI Security Board concurred.

I am not designating a representative of the Bureau to act as liaison with your Security Board as requested in your letter. I would, however, like to get your views with regard to my comments above.

Very truly yours,

/s/ PAUL H. APPLEBY
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